THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Examiner: David J. Steadman

Brian ANDERTON et al. : Group Art Unit: 1656

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For: SCREENING METHODS

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a):

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of <u>one (1)</u> month beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$65 to cover this fee. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the May 12, 2009 Official Action, and the Advisory Action of November 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: